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***A.C.T.I.O.N. Task Force***  
*Kerr McGee Community Center Meeting Rooms*  
*November 18, 2014*  
*4:00 pm*

***Minutes***

Committee Members: Mayor Dan Clark, City Councilman Jim Sanders, Chief of Police Ron Strand

Recording Secretary: Lori Blowers, Administrative Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. by Mayor Dan Clark.

INTRODUCTIONS: Introductions were made by everyone present at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: There was a motion from Chief Ron Strand to approve the agenda, second by Mayor Dan Clark. All in favor.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: Odessa Newman-Staples will give full report in January, 2015 on drug awareness with Pastor Corley at Crossroads.

UPDATES ON STRATEGY/ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

**1. School Reports**

Officer Keys – Staying very busy with a lot of positive interaction at the schools. Schools and Resource Officers are working very well together. Truancy is still down due to good communication and relations with the schools. Peer counseling has been very effective in developing social skills and conflict resolution. Mayor Clark was concerned about the effects of the Ferguson decision. Officer Keys doesn't believe there is reason for concern due to our diverse community and conflicts being quickly addressed in the schools.

**2. Neighborhood Watch**

Andy Pudgorski – Program hasn't received any calls. The P.A.C.T. volunteers are out on surveillance. Graffiti has decreased significantly.

**3. Teen Court**

Community service is still in the process of being established through Family Resource Center. The Director is out of the country so the paperwork is awaiting his arrival.

**4. Youth Substance Abuse Program**

The program will hopefully get started after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year. P.A.C.T. volunteers will be teaching curriculum in the schools and in the process of being trained. The idea is to duplicate D.A.R.E. type services.

**5. Citizen's Academy**

The program will be starting up attentively in February, 2015. It's still being designed. There will be approximately 20 students for 9 weeks, 1 week a night.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS –**

- **Next meeting: January 20th, 2015, 4:00 p.m. at Kerr McGee Center**

ADJOURNMENT – The official meeting was adjourned by Mayor Dan Clark.